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Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims as follows:

- 1. (Currently amended) A collapsible carrying case comprising:
 - a) six flexible sides,
 - b) four of the sides forming a peripheral wall with a first and second facing open ends;
 - a fifth side connected to the four edges of said first open end of the peripheral wall to thereby form a closed end;
 - d) a sixth side hingedly attached to one edge of said second open end of said peripheral wall;
 - e) said sixth side being detachably connectable to three remaining edges of said second open end of said peripheral wall to thereby form an enclosed interior space;
 - f) each of said six walls having a pocket to accept and securely hold a rigid panel so that when a rigid panel is inserted into each pocket on said six walls the case forms a rigid carrying case with an interior space; and
 - g) said case also includes manually graspable member on the exterior of one of its six walls to allow said case to be thereby picked up and carried; and
 - h) wherein all of said inserts can be removed and said six flexible sides can folded into a compact unit.
- 2. (Previously presented) The case of claim 1 wherein said pocket on each wall is located on an interior side of each of said walls.
- 3. (Previously presented) The case of claim 1 wherein said case forms a cube shape

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when said panels are inserted into said pockets.

4. (Previously presented) The case of claim 3 wherein said case is 21 inches high by

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21 inches wide by 21 inches deep.

(Previously presented) The case of claim 1 wherein said flexible material said case 5.

is made of is canvas.

(Previously presented) The case of claim 1 wherein said flexible material said case 6.

is made of is nylon or a similar type of material.

7. - 10. (Withdrawn pursuant to an Election requirement.)

11. (Amended) A reinforced flexible bag comprising a bag body having at least an

openable portion, with a carrying handle provided on said bag body, characterized

in that said bag body is provided with rigidifying members, preferably made from

plastic like materials, said rigidifying members fit into pockets on said bag body

wherein all of said rigidifying members can be removed being removably and

secured within said bag and said bag being compactable when the sides said

rigidifying members are removed and not in use.

(Previously presented) The reinforced flexible bag of claim 11 wherein said 12.

rigidifying members are positioned within every corner of said bag body.

(Previously presented) The reinforced flexible bag of claim 11 wherein a 13.

transparent pocket is are provided on an exterior surface of said bag body.

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- 14. (Previously presented) The reinforced flexible bag of claim 11 wherein rollers are attached at a bottom of said bag to facilitate movement of the bag.
- 15. (Previously presented) The reinforced flexible bag of claim 11 wherein said bag body is made of canvass.
- 16. (Previously presented) A reinforced flexible bag comprising a bag body having at least an openable portion, with a carrying handle provided on said bag body, characterized in that said bag body is provided with rigidfying members, preferably made from plastic like materials, all of said rigidifying members being removably secured within said bag, so that upon removal of all of said rigidifying members said bag can be compressed into a smaller size when not in use.
- 17. (Previously presented) The reinforced flexible bag of claim 16 wherein said rigidifying members are positioned within every corner of said bag body.
- 18. (Previously presented) The reinforced flexible bag of claim 16 wherein transparent pockets are provided on said bag body.
- 19. (Previously presented) The reinforced flexible bag of claim 16 wherein rollers are attached at a bottom of said bag to facilitate movement of the bag.
- 20. (Previously presented) The reinforced flexible bag of claim 16 wherein said bag body is made of canvass.

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- 21. (Previously presented) A flexible bag comprising a bag body having at least an openable portion, said bag body being cubic in shape when formed into a carrying configuration and when formed into a carrying configuration, said bag has an openable portion being located at a top side of said bag and said bag includes carrying handles which project up from the side and are formed from a single band of material that extends down and around the bottom of the case and wherein when said bag when not in use can be folded up into a compact carrying configuration for storage and transport.
- 22. (Previously presented) The flexible bag of claim 21 wherein said bag is formed into a cubic shape in said carrying configuration it has dimensions of from 18x18x18 inches to 20x20x20 inches.
- 23. (New) The reinforced flexible bag of claims 16 wherein said rigidfying members are made from plastic like material.
- 24. (New) The The reinforced flexible bag of claims 11 wherein said rigidfying members are made from plastic like material.